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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
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The above identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper request for U.S. National Phase Entry under 35 U.S.C. §371. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of this petition was unintentional 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). The Applicant hereby requests the revival of the above referenced patent application and the acceptance of the enclosed U.S. National Phase request document, application fee and application as a national phase entry under 35 USC §371. Alternatively, Applicants ask that the enclosed document be considered a US non-provisional patent application under 35 USC §11 and 37 CFR 1.53(b) and this a petition a request for the revival of the PCT application to enable co-pendency and priority to be claimed under 35 USC §120.

The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m) is \$ 1280. Applicant's representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge this fee as indicated on enclosed FORM 2038.

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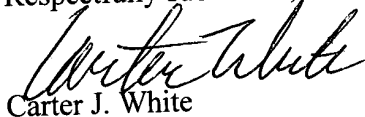
Applicant hereby requests for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

Applicant's representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 11836.0677.NPUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

In order to promote the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby authorized to contact the undersigned by electronic mail. Please address all e-mail to: [whitec@howrey.com](mailto:whitec@howrey.com).

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